

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

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Docket No: 1610-00 2 November 2000



Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 1 November 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 7 December 1954 at age 19. A depot undesirable discharge board directed separation based on your concealment of a pre-service civilian conviction for car theft and carrying a weapon without a permit. Subsequently, on 4 February 1955, you received an undesirable discharge by reason of misconduct due to fraudulent enlistment.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and your three subsequent honorable discharges from the Army and the Army National Guard. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization, given the concealment of the civil conviction. Therefore, the Board concluded that no change to the discharge is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that

favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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